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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1968-69

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1968-69 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes statistics for 1964-65 to 1967-68 are also included.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1968-69, and to claims reported as unclosed after a period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1968-69.

The effect of the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act should be noted:

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act 1965, the definition of "worker" excludes any person employed whose remuneration exceeds \$6,000 per annum. However, some employers do insure against liability for employees whose income exceeds the amount specified in the Act.
- (b) Commonwealth employees and self-employed persons are excluded from the provisions of the Act.

Industrial Accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition has been applied: "An Industrial Accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event".

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, disease cases, and workers compensation business transacted.

For further definitions see the more detailed annual bulletin to be released at a later date.



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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,

JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES, 1968-69

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
					\$			Weeks	
<u>Industrial accidents</u>									
Fatal - 1968-69	50	1	51	454,904	588	455,492	..	..	..
1967-68	40	1	41	357,733	265	357,998	..	..	..
1966-67	43	2	45	386,055	13,117	399,172	..	..	..
1965-66	50	..	50	308,457	..	308,457	..	..	..
1964-65	47	2	49	270,750	1,052	271,802	..	..	..
Non-fatal 1968-69	26,611	4,420	31,031	8,747,962	1,249,418	9,997,380	106,899	20,227	127,126
1967-68	28,196	4,754	32,950	8,572,397	1,124,475	9,696,872	112,111	21,642	133,753
1966-67	32,153	5,052	37,205	9,103,896	1,111,631	10,215,527	127,718	21,555	149,273
1965-66	31,005	4,602	35,607	7,345,231	899,739	8,244,970	115,257	17,818	133,075
1964-65	30,315	4,147	34,462	6,871,538	735,308	7,606,846	114,012	16,336	130,348
<u>Journey and recess - disease and accident cases</u>									
Fatal - 1968-69	54	2	56	366,516	8,586	375,102	..	..	..
1967-68	49	1	50	293,707	7,950	301,657	..	..	..
1966-67	41	4	45	197,399	10,782	208,181	..	..	..
1965-66	74	6	80	303,707	25,400	329,107	..	..	..
1964-65	74	5	79	316,634	8,366	325,000	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	1,513	921	2,434	557,375	198,422	755,797	8,752	4,688	13,440
1967-68	1,542	963	2,505	508,766	216,057	724,823	8,498	4,626	13,124
1966-67	1,758	1,002	2,760	526,562	214,408	740,970	11,568	5,303	16,871
1965-66	1,698	942	2,640	465,447	178,185	643,632	8,794	4,494	13,288
1964-65	1,750	909	2,659	454,154	146,938	601,092	9,736	4,339	14,075

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,

JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES, 1968-69 - continued

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
					\$			Weeks	
<u>Other diseases</u>									
Fatal - 1968-69	256	4	260	1,824,003	22,128	1,846,131	..	..	..
1967-68	255	2	257	1,535,855	5,707	1,541,562	..	..	..
1966-67	222	4	226	1,082,732	13,141	1,095,873	..	..	..
1965-66	315	5	320	1,449,572	12,767	1,462,339	..	..	..
1964-65	387	6	393	1,696,918	13,462	1,710,380	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	1,123	650	1,773	995,724	160,712	1,156,436	14,652	3,029	17,681
1967-68	1,285	701	1,986	1,104,337	170,420	1,274,757	14,999	3,742	18,741
1966-67	1,566	721	2,287	1,469,537	166,893	1,636,430	23,195	4,279	27,474
1965-66	2,172	1,132	3,304	1,230,114	228,985	1,459,099	18,807	5,610	24,417
1964-65	2,448	997	3,445	1,345,598	183,232	1,528,830	23,264	4,999	28,263
<u>Grand total</u>									
Fatal - 1968-69	360	7	367	2,645,423	31,302	2,676,725	..	..	..
1967-68	344	4	348	2,187,295	13,922	2,201,217	..	..	..
1966-67	306	10	316	1,666,186	37,040	1,703,226	..	..	..
1965-66	439	11	450	2,061,736	38,167	2,099,903	..	..	..
1964-65	508	13	521	2,284,302	22,880	2,307,182	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	29,247	5,991	35,238	10,301,061	1,608,552	11,909,613	130,303	27,944	158,247
1967-68	31,023	6,418	37,441	10,185,500	1,510,952	11,696,452	135,608	30,010	165,618
1966-67	35,477	6,775	42,252	11,099,995	1,492,932	12,592,927	162,481	31,137	193,618
1965-66	34,875	6,676	41,551	9,040,792	1,306,909	10,347,701	142,858	27,922	170,780
1964-65	34,513	6,053	40,566	8,671,290	1,065,478	9,736,768	147,012	25,674	172,686

Note. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.

VICTORIA - WORKERS COMPENSATION BUSINESS, 1968-69

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Year	Wages on which premiums were paid	Gross premiums received less adjustments	New claims arising during year		Claims paid during year	Claims outstanding at end of year
			Fatal (a)	Non-fatal		
	(\$'000)				(\$'000)	
1968-69	3,286,808	57,160	663	203,111	32,528	63,487
1967-68	2,979,540	54,797	718	204,057	29,828	56,224
1966-67	2,730,791	52,521	490	203,537	25,787	48,864
1965-66	2,404,459	48,816	525	205,735	24,925	42,277
1964-65	2,382,194	34,539	613	221,474	22,815	34,823

(a) The rise in the number of Fatal Accidents arising during 1967-68 is due partly to a change in recording methods of an insurer.

CLAIMS PAID DURING YEARS 1968-69

(\$'000)

Year	Under Workers Compensation Act									Under other acts and common law damages, etc.	Total
	Compensation			Medical, etc. services					Legal costs, etc.		
	Weekly compensation	Lump sum - death	Lump sum - maim	Doctor	Hospital	Chemist or registered nurse	Ambulance	Other curative, etc. services			
1968-69	8,920	4,756	3,600	4,086	2,890	216	139	429	3,397	4,095	32,528
1967-68	8,898	4,176	3,197	3,839	2,381	193	127	392	2,871	3,754	29,828
1966-67	8,216	2,938	2,931	3,683	1,979	180	122	339	2,571	2,828	25,787
1965-66	8,422	3,084	3,212	3,442	1,683	185	119	343	2,018	2,417	24,925
1964-65	7,632	2,968	3,036	3,298	1,600	180	107	308	1,998	1,688	22,815

Note. The above tables refer to workers compensation business transacted during the year. Previous tables refer to claims reported.